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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

TILLGREN ET AL.

Examiner

Jennifer T Nguyen

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 October 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4-7.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Dymetman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,330,976).

Regarding claims 1 and 23, referring to Figs. 1-11, Dymetman teaches an electronic reading system, comprising: a formatted surface (2) having an area that includes a specific part of an address pattern, wherein a unique position on the address pattern can be identified from an examination of a portion of the address pattern; an electronic reading device (502) including a sensor (802) for detecting at least a portion of the specific part of the address pattern; and a server (4) associated with the specific part of the address pattern for receiving a message from the electronic reading device (502), said message sent in response to said detection, and for performing a function in response to said message (from col. 2, line 55 to col. 4, line 45, from col. 8, line 45 to col. 9, line 5, from col. 11, line 28 to col. 14, line 24, and col. 24, lines 1-64).

Regarding claim 2, Dymetman further teaches the address pattern comprises a pattern of dots (from col. 11, line 28 to col. 14, line 15).

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Regarding claims 3-6, Dymetman further teaches the area of the formatted surface further includes printed hyperlink identification information (col. 12, lines 59-67, col. 17, lines 36-38, and from col. 23, line 46 to col. 24, line 64).

Regarding claim 7, Dymetman further teaches the function comprises sending information associated with the specific part of the address pattern to an email address associated with a user of the electronic reading device (col. 35, lines 1-19).

Regarding claim 8, Dymetman further teaches the electronic reading device further includes a radio transmitter for sending data relating to the detected specific part of the address pattern to the server (col. 19, lines 33-43).

Regarding claims 9-11, Dymetman further teaches a mobile station for receiving said data and for sending said message to the server (col. 24, lines 1-64).

Regarding claim 12, Dymetman further teaches the electronic reading device sends data relating to the detected specific part of the address pattern to the server using one of an infrared data transmission, inductive coupling, and a cable connection (col. 6, lines 55-65).

Regarding claims 13-22 and 24-33, Dymetman further teaches the specific part of the address pattern relates to a product, printed publication, a business card, a transportation timetable, an identification of the object, an authentication of the object, office message state, geographical location, an indication that the specific part of the address pattern has been detected by the electronic reading device (from col. 31, line 41 to col. 32, line 34 and from col. 33, line 59 to col. 35, line 19).

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered to pertinent applicant's disclosure.

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Sekendur (U.S. Patent No. 5,852,434) teaches absolute optical position determination.

Russell et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,905,248) teaches carrying out information-related transactions using web documents.

Lazzouni et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,652,412) teaches pen and paper information recording system.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Jennifer T. Nguyen** whose telephone number is **703-305-3225**. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri from 9:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Richard A Hjerpe** can be reach at **703-305-4709**.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding


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